One-Minute Speech

Mr. Speaker,

America's bankruptcy laws are broken.

Too many Americans are abusing them—more people are needlessly filing for bankruptcy today than ever before.

And we have a good bill to fix the problem—a bill we've been working on literally for years.

And now, finally, we're ready to pass it into law.

Except there's a problem.

One left-wing Senator has added a provision that singles out pro-life protestors for unusual punishment.

Why?

Because he doesn't like them.

Mr. Speaker, that's not how we write laws in this country.

Now, there is no more powerful voice for the interests of the business community than the Wall Street Journal.

Even they say we shouldn't pass this bill.

The Wall Street Journal says this version of the bill should be "RESISTED ON PRINCIPLE."

What principle is that?

The principle of fairness.

That we shouldn't allow some people to file for bankruptcy and other not, simply because of what they believe.

That isn't right.

And if this bill isn't fixed, I won't vote for it.

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